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RURAL DISTRICT OF PETERBOROUGH.

Abreviated Report for the year 1939.

The Birth rate of 17.0 is 2 per 1000 more, the Death rate of 11.9 is 0.2 less and the Infantile Mortality Rate of 45.4 is 4.6 less than the corresponding figures for England and Wales.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Great use was made of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Ministry of Health. A contract for examinations of throat swabs, blood, urine and faeces, has now been made with the Medical Research Council at a rate of £10. 0. 0. per annum. Specimens are sent to Dr. Fulton, The Emergency Laboratory, Peterborough Memorial Hospital.

The plan is excellent and is of great benefit.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There has been little infectious disease during the year: 11 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria. Hospital accomodation is provided at the Peterborough Isolation Hospital at a weekly charge of £3. 3. 0. per patient.

Accomodation has proved adequate.

EVACUATION SCHEME.

Some 300 evacuee children were billeted in the District; there was no increase of infectious disease compared with the normal and no undue amount of illness.

HOSTELS AND SICK BAYS.

This Council, in conjunction with the Rural District of Barnack and the Borough of Stamford opened Barn Hill House, Stamford as a Sick Bay and Hostel for children in their area.

(SIGNED) W. ANLEY HAWES.

Medical Officer of Health.

RURAL DISTRICT OF PETERBOROUGH.

Abreviated Report by the Sanitary Inspector
for the year 1939.

Inspections, complaints and notices.

Inspections 363 Re-visits 277
Complaints 10 formally received. Action necessary in each case.
Notices 35 informal and 19 Statutory Notices were reserved under Public Health and Housing Acts.

353 houses were inspected during the year and a total of 510 visits were made for the purpose.

Infectious Diseases.

12 cases of infectious diseases were dealt with during the year as under:-

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria
Castor	5	-
Ailsworth	2	-
Sutton	1	-
Helpston	2	-
Northborough	-	1
Peakirk	1	-
	11	1

Plans

23 plans were submitted for approval during the year as against 50 for the year 1938.

War Precautions.

All necessary steps have been taken to provide adequate means for the emergency repair of water mains, sewers, pumping plant, and houses that may be damaged as a result of war action, and as far as is possible provision has been made for dealing with food that may be contaminated by gas.

(SIGNED) C. GREEN

Sanitary Inspector.